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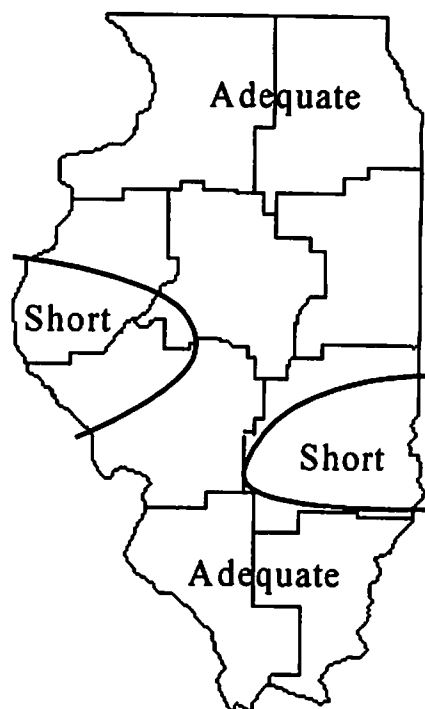
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Corn harvest and fall tillage operations were slowed early last week by snow in the northern districts and rain elsewhere. However, producers were able to resume these activities by mid-week. As of November 2, 89 percent of the corn crop had been harvested, compared to 66 percent last year and the five-year average of 75 percent. Fall tillage has become the main activity statewide and has progressed rapidly under ideal conditions. Dry fertilizer and lime continue to be spread as well as fall applications of anhydrous. The winter wheat crop has emerged well and the recent rains have been very beneficial to crop growth with 69 percent of the crop rated good or excellent. Topsoil moisture improved last week and was rated six percent very short, 26 percent short, 67 percent adequate and one percent surplus. Last week found many farmers wrapping up harvest and tillage for the year and preparing machinery for storage.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1997	: 1996	: 5-Year Average

November 2			
CORN:			
Harvested	89	66	75
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	98	85	94
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	97	88	90
Emerged	86	68	72
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	89	46	69



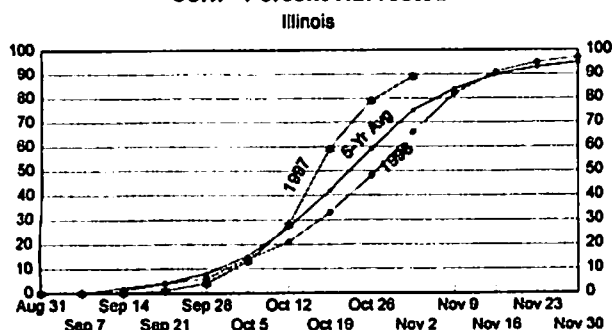
**Topsoil Moisture
October 31**

Crop Conditions

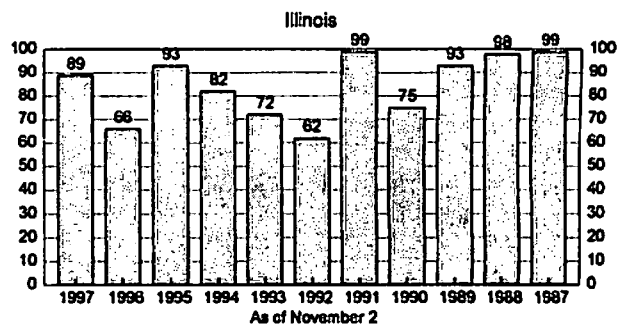
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	3	27	62	7
Pasture	3	14	37	42	4

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Corn - Percent Harvested



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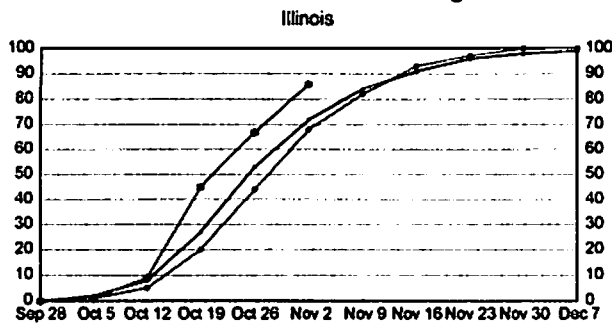
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture
		Very Short : Short : Adequate : Surplus
	October 25 - 31	October 31
Northwest	4.2	- 22 77 1
Northeast	4.1	- 16 84 -
West	5.0	19 29 51 1
Central	5.5	1 30 69 -
East	5.3	- 21 76 3
W Southwest	5.4	13 30 56 1
E Southeast	6.1	12 36 51 1
Southwest	4.4	- 14 84 2
Southeast	5.4	2 25 71 2
State	5.0	6 26 67 1

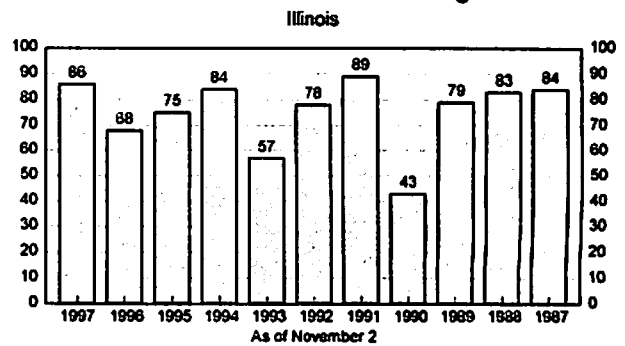
Crop Progress by District

District		Corn
		Harvested
		November 2
Northwest	:	74
Northeast	:	80
West	:	88
Central	:	98
East	:	96
W Southwest	:	96
E Southeast	:	95
Southwest	:	94
Southeast	:	89
State	:	89

Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged



Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged



Temperature and Precipitation

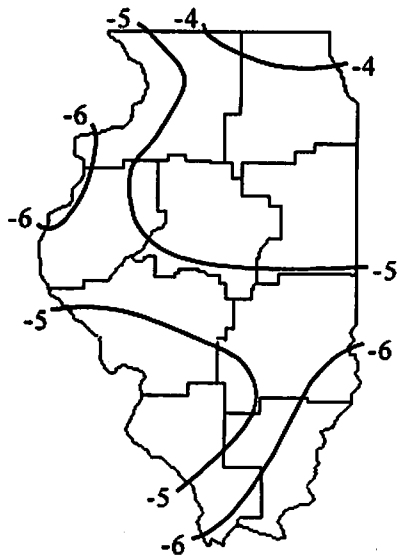
District		Temperature			Precipitation		
		Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
		October 27 - November 2					
Northwest	:	43.1	48.4	- 5.4	.82	.81	.01
Northeast	:	44.4	48.8	- 4.5	1.04	.72	.32
West	:	45.5	51.2	- 5.7	.65	.83	- .19
Central	:	45.7	50.6	- 4.9	.69	.70	- .01
East	:	45.5	50.2	- 4.7	.94	.63	.31
W Southwest	:	47.6	52.4	- 4.8	.41	.74	- .33
E Southeast	:	47.0	52.6	- 5.6	.58	.74	- .16
Southwest	:	49.2	54.3	- 5.1	.55	.86	- .31
Southeast	:	48.2	54.5	- 6.4	.61	.83	- .22
State	:	46.1	51.3	- 5.2	.70	.76	- .06

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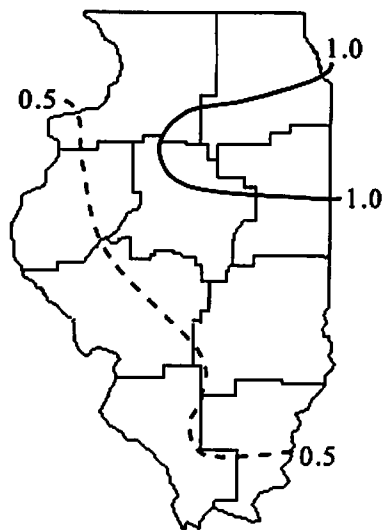
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Temperature Departure
October 27 - November 2



Precipitation Total
October 27 - November 2

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